

INSTRUCTIONS

“OCCUPANT” FARMER DEER PERMIT APPLICATION **Bow, Muzzleloader and Shotgun Permit Seasons**

Under the new law, farmers can qualify for permits under two scenarios – those that live on the farm and those who do not. The farmer who lives on his farm can fill out the “occupant” application for a permit that is only valid for the farm where he resides. The farmer who does not live on his farm can apply on the “non-occupant” form for a permit that is valid for the entire zone listed on application. The farmer must choose which application he wants to apply with. He cannot apply with both forms. If the farmer has property in multiple zones, he must choose one zone to apply for. An applicant who lives on the farm and actively tills at least 30 acres may apply with the “non-occupant” form. He will be limited to permits for a maximum of 5 people.

A. WHO MAY APPLY:

Only the owner or lessee of a farm, who resides thereon, or the immediate members of his family who also reside thereon, may apply for special farmer shotgun, muzzleloader and bow deer permits. Permits are valid for the farm property on which applicant resides. However, all hunting license requirements must be met if not hunting on the farm on which the permittee resides.

The current Game Code defines a farm as an area of five acres or more producing a gross income of \$500 and is tax assessed as farmland.

You must include your Social Security Number in the space provided on the front of this application. No permit will be issued to farmers who do not comply with this provision of Public Law 1998c1 “The Child Support Program Improvement Act.”

All applications will be reviewed by the Division of Fish and Wildlife’s Bureau of Law Enforcement.

B. WHAT YOU MAY APPLY FOR:

Qualified farmers may apply for one shotgun, one muzzleloader and one bow permit in any management zone where the applicable permit season is prescribed. Qualified farmers may also apply for permits as a regular hunting license applicant through the lottery. The following list of available zones is tentative. Please check the current New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Digest for adopted regulations.

Farmer deer shotgun, muzzleloader and bow permits are available in all zones except 37, 38, 39, 40, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 64, 66 and 67.

C. HOW TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION:

1. Season Designation: Indicate the special permit season(s) you are applying for by checking the appropriate box(es).
2. Hunter Information: Print the hunter’s name, birth date, address, social security number and telephone number in the spaces provided.
3. List the deer management zone, driver’s license number and sign application at bottom of page.
4. Farm Information: Print the lot and block, acreage, actual location of property, county, whether the property is owned or leased by you and the crop being grown. Additional sheets may be attached if there are more than five parcels.
5. Mail completed applications to: **NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 3, Trenton, NJ 08625-0003.**
6. Farmers are encouraged to apply from June 1-August 31, however applications will be accepted up to October 1. After that date, permits may not be received in time for the opening day of the season applied for. Farmer Permits will only be available from the Trenton Office.
7. No fee is required.
8. Qualified applicants will receive their permits two weeks prior to applicable seasons.
9. Permits are not transferable. Refer to the current New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Digest for deer check station locations, season dates, bag limits and other regulations. (The Digest is available in early August from license agents, division offices and conservation officers.)

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Application Approved _____ Application Disapproved _____

Reason for Disapproval: _____

Date: _____ Officer: _____

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Complete all sections.

This form may be duplicated.

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LOT & BLOCK	ACREAGE	STREET AND TOWN LOCATION	COUNTY	OWNER OR LEASEE	CROP
1. _____					
2. _____					

I certify that I am the farmer who owns or leases the above farm and I reside thereon or that I am an immediate family member of the farmer who owns or leases the farm and I reside thereon and that the farm is an area of five (5) acres or more and is tax-assessed as farmland. I realize that applying with false information could result in a summons and fine.

Applicant Signature

Date _____

****Public Law 1998c1 “The Child Support Program Improvement Act” requires that we collect your Social Security Number on this application. No permit will be issued without it.**